

HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
April 25, 2012 MINUTES

The Human Relations Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting April 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory Gilbert, Chair
Denise Heap, Vice Chair
Hong Chartrand
Frank Johnson
Wayne Manske
James May
Orchidia Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Benelli
Ana Cadillo
Lela Hinds-Peterson
Dean Tun Lin Moe

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese
Lyn Buzuleciu

GUESTS

Fred Ruhland

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Chair Rory Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Items from Citizens Present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to the board.

3. Approval of minutes from the March 28, 2012 board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to approve the March 28, 2012 the Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) minutes. Mr. Manske seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Mesa Police Department Report.

Mesa Police Report was given by Commander Fred Ruhland for the Red Mountain District. In general, crime has decreased in Mesa. The majority of crime in Mesa is property related. Violent crime is down significantly in Mesa. Ms. Gilbert commented that the board has a great working relationship with Mesa PD and HRAB participated in Phoenix Pride Parade with police officers. Commander Ruhland commented that Mesa PD has had a history of challenging the status quo and that the Department's attitude is that change is good especially in today's society. Ms. Gilbert thanked Commander Ruhland for his attendance.

5. Hear an update, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Issue Research and Project Team.

Ms. Heap summarized the details of preparing for the April 28, 2012 bullying event and discussed her ideas on lunch items. The board discussed the number of attendees and how much food to order for both breakfast and lunch. Ms. Giese remarked that food would need to be purchased within City limits. Mr. Johnson made the motion that the board purchase food in Mesa and that Ms. Heap will find the best deal in Mesa for lunch. Mr. May seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Peterson commented that she would send the questions for the community dialogue to Ms. Giese. Ms. Gilbert reminded the board to adhere to the open meeting laws and to only send information to Ms. Giese. Mr. May confirmed that Karen Carr is confirmed as a panel member for the Bullying event.

6. Discuss, revise and approve Human Relations Advisory Board brochure.

Ms. Gilbert commented that the latest draft of the brochure turned out well. Item will be discussed again after everyone gets a copy. Mr. Manske had some spelling questions and details that needed to be changed on the brochure. Ms. Chartrand suggested that the front print be larger. Mr. May offered to print copies of the brochure for the bullying event on Saturday. Ms. Gilbert approved the brochure with a

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unanimous vote from the board. Ms. Chartrand moved to approve the brochure with changes. Mr. May seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss, revise and approve agenda items and /or presentations for Regional Human Relations meeting on May 16, 2012.

Ms. Gilbert commented that items of discussion will be a summary of the April 28th community dialogue and a summary of the board's work on PTSI. Mr. May suggested including a round table discussion on how boards build relationships with their respective Councils. The board discussed how much time to devote to each agenda item. One additional agenda item will also include how do boards conduct outreach and board development. Mr. May suggested two 30 minutes round tables discussions. Dinner starts at 5:30pm and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

8. Diversity Administrator's Report.

Ms. Giese announced that there was a great turn out for the cinema series. In addition, Ms. Giese was invited to serve on the Mesa Public Schools Facilities Planning Committee. Ms. Giese also participated this week in Arizona Town Hall, the theme of which was Civic engagement.

9. Report on recently attended and upcoming conferences and/or meetings.

Mr. Manske accounted that he was given the award of educator of the month at Mesa Public Schools. Ms. Gilbert reported on Diversity Leadership Alliance events.

10. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- "Bullying in America" Community Dialogue will be held April 28, 2012
- Regional Human Relations Commission Meeting will be held on May 16, 2012
- Planning for May 23 meeting- recognitions

Ms. Gilbert would like to recognize outgoing members and several individuals who have supported the board this past year. She suggested holding a small recognition immediately after the regular meeting. Mr. May suggested that they have a shorter meeting and then having the recognition immediately after adjournment. The board also discussed considering a larger recognition event that could be added as an agenda item for August. Mr. Manske and Mr. Johnson volunteered to help with planning the May 23rd meeting.

11. Adjourn.

Ms. Gilbert thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator